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Applicant's or agent's file reference 20799	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Form PCT/IPEA/416	
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 1-182172 A (Mazda Motor Corp.), 20 July 1989

Document 2: JP 4-77603 A (Honda Motor Co., Ltd.), 11 March 1992

Document 3: JP 2000-289640 A (Honda Motor Co., Ltd.), 17 October 2000

Document 4: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 141996/1989 (Laid-open No. 61779/1990), (Mazda Motor Corp.), 08 May 1990

Document 5: JP 4-87886 A (Honda Motor Co., Ltd.), 19 March 1992

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1-6 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 (entire text, all drawings) and document 2 (page 2, upper right column, line 18 to page 5, upper right column, line 9 and all drawings) cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to substitute the wheel-mounting table that is disclosed in document 1 with the device disclosed in document 2, which detects the toe angle on the basis of the detected position of the table.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

The inventions that are set forth in claims 7-10 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 3-5 cited in the international search report. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to apply the drive mechanism that is disclosed in document 3 (entire text, all drawings), which changes the angle of the axis of rotation of an open ended wrench, and the drive mechanism control means that is disclosed in document 4 (page 33, line 7 to page 36, line 18 and fig. 15) in the configuration that is disclosed in document 5 (page 2, lower left column, line 2 to page 5, upper left column, line 19 and fig. 2 and 5-7; specifically, page 4, upper right column, line 10 to lower left column, line 12), wherein the tie rod is adjusted by joining and rotating the wrench and the adjustment member according the output from the means for detecting an axial work.